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PROCUREMENT SECTION
CURRENT RECORDS

LOCATION OF NEW FEDERAL OFFICES AND OTHER FACILITIES.....The FY 1979 Governmentwide Annual Report on the Location of New Federal Offices and other Facilities required by the Agricultural Act of 1970, as amended by the Rural Development Act of 1972, has been compiled and sent to the Congress. A brief analysis of the report reveals that, since enactment of the legislation, there has been no appreciable change in either the Department's efforts or other Federal agencies' efforts to give first priority to locating Federal facilities in rural areas. USDA established and relocated 762 facilities during the year, of which 80.6 percent were in rural areas. FmHA accounted for 61 percent of the total USDA moves. Governmentwide, 1,899 facilities were established and relocated and some 53 percent of these were in rural areas. (Contact LaDelle Ray, O&F, ext. 75225).

LEGISLATIVE TRACKING SYSTEM.....An automated legislative reporting tracking system is currently being developed by OBPE and O&F. This system, which will be operated by Legislative and Automated Systems of the Budget Control and Analysis Division of OBPE, will store all legislative report requests and track their movement through the Department permitting rapid retrieval and analysis. The system will also track the progress of legislation of interest to the Department. (Contact: John Mottershead, OBPE, ext. 74654)

DORIS THOMPSON NAMED DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF OEO.....Doris C. Thompson, formerly the Director of the Office of Civil Rights for the Environmental Protection Agency has been named as Deputy Director of Office of Equal Opportunity. Mrs. Thompson's duties will be directed primarily to Equal Employment Opportunity.

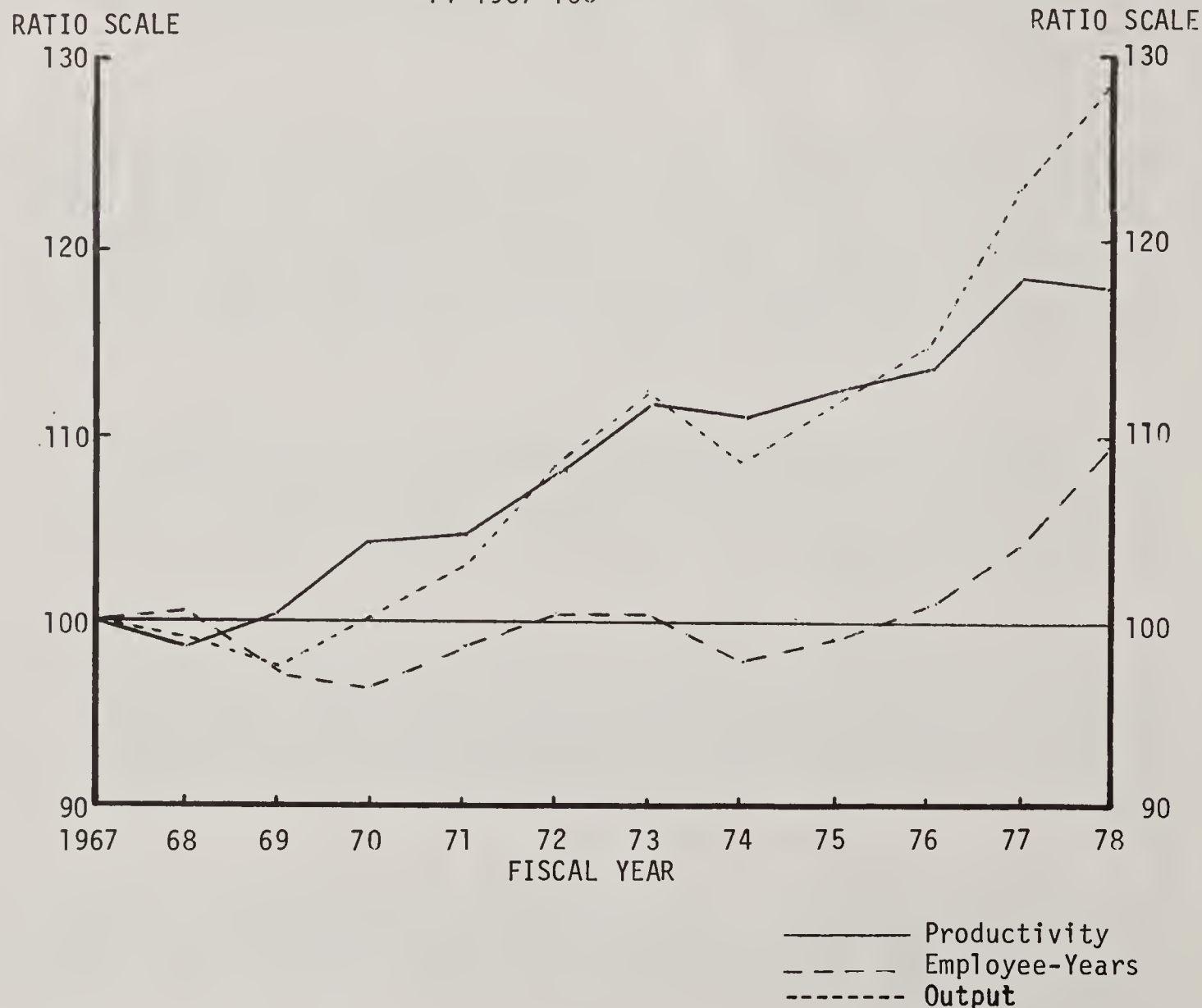
PRES DAVIS NAMED DIRECTOR OF OSDBU.....Preston A. Davis has been designated as the first Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization. Prior to this appointment, Davis had served as Acting Director of OSDBU and as a management analyst on the Management Staff.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.....The next deadline for submission of Management Council Newsletter articles is April 9. Please submit articles of interest to management officials of the Department to Neil I. Van Vliet, Management Staff, Room 115-A.

USDA PRODUCTIVITY.....Data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that productivity for the Department, as measured by output per employee-year, has risen at an average annual rate of 1.8 percent since 1967. This compares with the 1.4 percent average annual rate of increase for the Federal government. In 1978, however, while Federal government productivity increased 1.7 percent, Agriculture's productivity declined slightly by 0.8 percent. Approximately 56% of the employees in the Department are now covered by a measurement system.

The value of productivity information is now apparent in the budget formulation and personnel evaluation processes. OMB requires this information for their analyses of budget requests and has stated as resources become more scarce, better use of existing resources and productivity improvement are necessities. Close coordination of productivity programs and the budget junction are becoming more essential to management. OPM is advocating that productivity information be used in performance evaluations to make managers accountable for the performance of their staffs. (Contact: Neil I. Van Vliet, MS, ext. 76983)

US DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FY 1967-78
OUTPUT, EMPLOYEE-YEARS AND OUTPUT PER EMPLOYEE-YEARS (PRODUCTIVITY)
FY 1967=100



SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS PROCUREMENT.....The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization is making significant progress in increasing the level of procurement from small and minority owned businesses. In FY 1979, minority procurement totaled \$38,997,000, a 70% increase over the previous year.

USDA AGENCY SMALL & MINORITY BUSINESS PROCUREMENT^{1/}
FISCAL YEAR 1979
(\$000's)

	<u>Total Procurement</u>	<u>Small Business Awards</u>	<u>Small Business % of Total Procurement</u>	<u>Procurement from Minority Firms</u>		<u>Minority % of Total Procurement</u>
				8(a)	Competitive	
FNS	\$ 10,519	\$ 1,424	14	\$ 63	\$ 268	3.1
REA	546	354	65	4	0	1.0
AMS	4,756	3,284	69	40	0	1.0
APHIS	34,438	18,096	53	426	554	3.0
ESCS	5,879	2,667	45	141	141	5.0
O&F	13,991	4,042	29	25	304	2.3
FCIC	1,052	452	43	0	0	0
FAS	1,317	828	63	0	48	3.6
OIG	126	51	40	10	0	8.0
FS	384,102	289,995	75	4,087	8,748	3.3
SCS	95,833	76,074	79	1,475	2,841	5.0
SEA	67,890	41,445	61	1,110	2,655	6.0
FSQS	401,163	184,609	46	2,803	1,335	1.0
ASCS	772,325	426,215	55	3,321	7,369	1.3
FmHA	11,023	4,943	45	750	483	11.1
				<u>\$14,251</u>	<u>\$24,746</u>	
Totals	\$1,804,960	\$1,054,479	58	\$38,997		2.2

1/ All data were obtained from USDA Procurement Reporting System (UPRS).

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